FIVE HOURS APART—Aunt Michelle Yarborough and her niece Marcie Simmons were born only five hours apart on April 10, 1971. The two-year-olds looking much like twins recently celebrated their birthdays together at a party given in their honor. Michelle is the daughter of Mrs. Marilyn Yarborough and Marcie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Simmons.

Home-buyers may get reduced loan rates under new proposal

Secretary Edmond F. Rovner of the Deporiment of Economic and Community Development recently unveiled a new housing program under which the state will make direct loans at a rate of interest of as much as 25 per cent below the prevailing market rate, with a minimum down payment.

Mr. Rovner said that the Maryland Home Financing Program will be directed at families earning less than the average income for the area of the state in which they live.

"Many of these families are good credit risks. They are forced to rent and their rental record is good. They pay their bills. Caught as they are in the inflationary church, they cannot save enough to accumulate a down payment or afford monthly house payments at prevailing interest rates," he added.

Robert Kahn, head of the Home Financing Program, explained that under the program the interest rate would be reduced from its current market value of 8 per cent to 6 per cent.

For the potential home owner, he said the lower intrest rate would result in a monthly saving to participants in the program of roughly $15 on a $10,000 mortgage and $30 a month on a $20,000 mortgage.

Mr. Kahn went on to say that a down paymoit as small as 5 per cent of the total acquisition cost of the property could be accepted under the program, though families capable of making larger payments would be expected to do so.

To qualify for the program, he said, a family of four living in Baltimore city must earn less than $12,400 compared to $13,500 in Baltimore county and $12,900 in Anne Arundel kmunty where the median family incomes are higher.

Applications for the program may be obtained by writing Mr. Robert Kahn, Home Financing Program, Department of Economic and Community Development, Annapolis or by telephoning 269-0164 ext. 5306 in Baltimore, and 267-5336 in Annapolis.

Consumer week next week at Woodlawn

The Social Security Administration will sponsor a Consumer Information Week at the Woodlawn complex from Monday, April 30 to Friday, May 4.

Each day from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. guest speakers will report on consumer information, rights and responsibilities.

The daily schedule is as follows:

On Monday, Mike Buchannon of WTOP TV and Bill Lowell of the Washington Better Business Bureau will speak on car repairs.

Tuesday, Esther Peterson, Consumer advisor to president of Giant Foods, will discuss food, followed by Hugo Piccinin, Amalga-Amalgamated Clothing Worker's of America, on clothing.

Wednesday will find John N. Ruth, chief investigator for the Consumer Protection Division, speaking on consumer protection and James Phillips, an attorney, on insurance and wills.

On Thursday, Leroy Matthews, Consumer Protection Division of the Attorney General's Office, will discuss buying new and used cars and Norma Maiden, chairman of the Home Economics Department at Morgan State College, will make a food demonstration.

Rounding out the week on Friday, Anne Lane, a consumer specialist, and Thomas Decillis, panel administrator for the FDA, will discuss over the counter drugs.

Cong. Mitchell offers bill to save public hospital

Cong. Parren J. Mitchell, (D-7th) has co-sponsored a bill, H. R. 6881 to protect the public health service hospital in Baltimore.

The bill, originally introduced to protect the Public Health Service Hospital in Seattle, Wash., has, at Mitchell's request, been expanded to include the Baltimore health facility.

The main provision of the bill is that the hospital shall, until such time as the Congress shall by law otherwise provide, continue in operation and shall continue to provide inpatient and other health care services to individuals entitled.

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Cong. Mitchell became involved in the fight to save the public health service hospital in 1970, his first term in office.

His continued efforts were most recently increased when he appeared before the full committee of the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Apr. 17, to testify against efforts by the Nixon Administration to close down the Baltimore-based facility.

In his testimony before the committee Mitchell said, 'It is arrent nonsense to believe that the closing down of the Baltimore Public Health Service Hospital will not severely damage the delivery of health services for the city of Baltimore, and the state of Maryland.'

In concluding his testimony before the committee, Cong. Mitchell pointed out that 'the decision to close down the facility based upon in-patient care statistics reflects the inability of the bureaucrats to see that in-patient care reflects only a small percentage of service when contrasted with the out-patient care provided by the hospital.' "

Birds to salute Frank Robinson

The Baltimore Orioles in cooperation with the Oriole Advocates, Inc., will honor Frank Robinson on his first official appearance at Memorial Stadium since the 1971 World Series when the 37-year-old superstar returns to Baltimore with the California Angels next Friday (May 4th).

In ceremonies prior to the 7:30 game with the Angels, Robinson will be presented with his retired Orioles uniform No. 20 and then a check will be donated in his name to the East Baltimore Community Drug Abuse Center.

Robinson, who played on four pennant winners and two world championship clubs during his six years in Baltimore, has long maintained as interest in the drug abuse movement.

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The donation will be made to the "out-reach" aspect of the program which serves to educate elementary and high school age youths in the dangers of drug use. This activity is not covered by either state or federal funding.

Anyone who wishes to participate with the Orioles and Oriole Advocates in this contribution in Robinson's honor may send his donation to "Drug Abuse," c/o Baltimore Orioles, Memorial Stadium.

Checks should be made payable to the "East Baltimore Community Drug Abuse Center."

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APRIL 28

"Meet UMBC '73" — A Tenth Anniversary will be held on the Campus of the University of Maryland Baltimore County, 5401 Wilkens Avenue, Baltimore, Md. 21228 Saturday, April 28, 1973, 10 a.m. thru 4 p.m.

J. Millard Tawes, former Governor of the Sate of Maryland, luncheon speaker, cafeteria, 12:30 pm.

MAY1-2

Employer/employee relations is the topic of a seminar for hotel, motel and restaurant management to be held May 1 and 2 at the University of Maryland's Center of Adult Education, College Park.

Manna Bible Church nine to debut May 1

The Mansa Bible Baptist Church baseball team will make its debut on Tuesday evening, opposing the Cougars.

The game will be played at 7:45 p.m., on Diamond 5 at Druid Hill Park.

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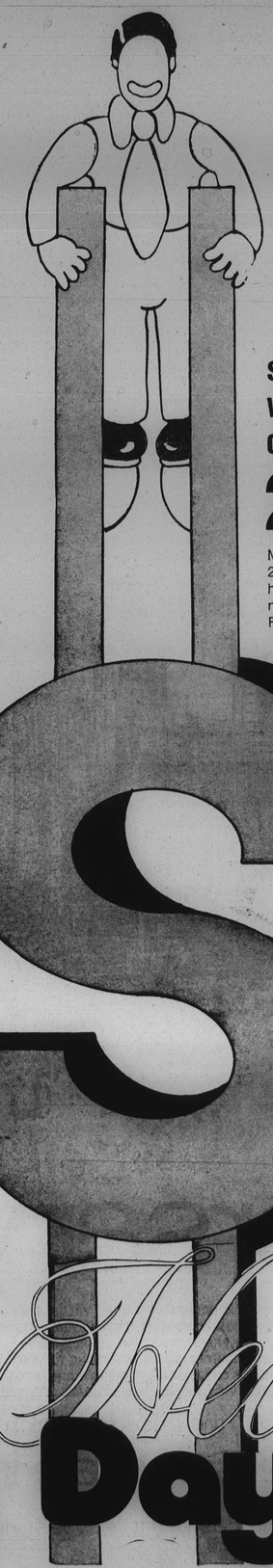

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